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## Department of Defense Directive

**SUBJECT** Interment Allowance for Deceased Active  
Duty Personnel

**Reference:** (a) DoD Directive 1344.8, subject as  
**above**, September 14, 1968 (hereby  
. canceled)

### A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a) to update the established requirement for the periodic review of interment" allowances to assure that survivors of active duty personnel are provided a reasonable and adequate monetary allowance to cover interment expenses on a **unif orm** basis.

### B. APPLICABILITY

The provisions **of** this Directive apply to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments.

### C. POLICY

Unless otherwise **requested**, arrangements for interment of deceased **active** duty **personnel** will be made by the next of kin. The Military **Departments** will provide advice and assistance as appropriate.

### D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Based on the reviews and reports prescribed in 2. and 3. , below, the Assistant Secretary **of** Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) will approve reasonable and adequate uniform DoD monetary allowances.

2. The Secret **ary** of the Army, **in** coordination with the Departments of the Navy and Air Force, will conduct, as a minimum, a biennial review to determine the adequacy of interment allowances and report the results to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) **within** 30 days of the completion of each review. Each report will include, as a minimum, a recommendation as to the adequacy **of** the allowance and an analysis of cost data for interment comparing the allowance with current interment costs in the civilian community.

3. The Military **Departments will** conduct periodic internal reviews **to insure** the adequacy of the interment allowance and report the results to the Secretary of the Army .

E. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

The reporting requirement described in section D. has been **assigned** Reports Control Symbol **DD-M(AR)894**.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

**This Directive is** effective immediately. Forward one copy of each implementing document to the Assistant Secretary **of** Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and **Logistics**) **within** 120 days,



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